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IMPORTANT:

Design and construction requirements of this section don't apply to special purpose ladders.



Definition:

A **special purpose ladder** is a portable ladder that's made by modifying or combining design or construction features of the generalpurpose types of ladders in order to adapt the ladder to special or specific uses.

You must

- Make sure portable ladders and job-made wooden ladders manufactured **on** or after January 1, 2006, meet the design and construction requirements and specifications of the appropriate American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard:
 - ANSI A14.1-2000, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Wood Safety Requirements.
 - ANSI A14.2-2000, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Metal Safety Requirements.
 - ANSI A14.5-2000, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Reinforced Plastic-Safety Requirements.
 - ANSI A14.4-2002, American National Standard Safety Requirements for Job Made Wooden Ladders.

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You must

- Make sure portable ladders manufactured before January 1, 2006, meet the
 design and construction requirements and specifications of the appropriate ANSI
 standard in effect on the date of manufacture:
 - ANSI A14.1, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Wood-Safety Requirements.
 - ANSI A14.2, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Metal-Safety Requirements.
 - ANSI A14.5, American National Standard for Ladders-Portable Reinforced Plastic-Safety Requirements.



Note:

A commercially manufactured portable ladder should have a label indicating it meets the requirements of the ANSI standard. If in doubt, check with the manufacturer.



Helpful Tool:

Job-made Wooden Ladders

You can find information about the design and construction of job-made wooden ladders in the Resources section of this chapter.



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